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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

DEPT PASS AID AND AGRICULTURE

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EPAP, TBIO, EAID, AR, US

SUBJECT: CONTINUED COOPERATION IN AFTOSA CONTROL

REF: STATE 82946

1. EMBASSY HAS EXPLORED REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IDEA WITH INTA PRESIDENT JORGE ALBERTO DEL AGUILA AND, AT HIS SUGGESTION, WITH UNDERSECRETARY FOR LIVESTOCK EMILIO JUAN COMPTE.

2. DEL AGUILA (EX-ARGENTINE AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON) QUITE INTERESTED IN MOVING AHEAD, BUT CONCERNED AT EVEN THIS SIZE OF EXPENDITURE, SINCE INTA IS FACING SEVERE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. (ITS INCOME DIRECTLY TIED TO AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS, WHICH CURRENTLY LOW.)

3. APPROACH STRUCK RESPONSIVE CHORD WITH COMPTE, WHO TOLD US HE HAS BEEN PRESSING CURRENT ARGENTINE AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON TO PUSH FOR LARGE ANTI-AFTOSA CAMPAIGN. HE SHOWED US CORRESPONDENCE TO THIS EFFECT, INCLUDING MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID HE ALSO HAS RECENT CABLE FROM  
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ORFILA ON THE SUBJECT.

4. COMPTE APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE MUCH LARGER EFFORT, INCLUDING REACTIVATION OF US-ARGENTINE JOINT COMMISSION AND/OR A REGIONAL APPROACH WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS WELL. HE ENVISAGES INVOLVEMENT HERE BY INTA AND BY THE NATIONAL ANIMAL SANITATION SERVICE (SENASA). HE THINKS IN TERMS OF GRADUAL ENLARGEMENT OF AN AFTOSA-FREE ZONE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

5. WE EXPLAINED THAT FUNDING SITUATION ON OUR SIDE NOT RPT NOT SAME AS EXISTED PREVIOUSLY WHEN JOINT COMMISSION WAS ACTIVE. WE NOTED THAT OUR IDEA WAS FOR SMALLER EFFORT FOCUSED ON COOPERATION WITH PLUM ISLAND AND TESTING OF VACCINES, WITH EXPENSES TO BE BORN BY ARGENTINA, BUT NONETHELESS A POSITIVE, COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

6. WHILE IT WAS CLEAR THAT COMPTE HAD NOT THOUGHT THIS COMPLETELY THROUGH, HE SEEMED ENTHUSED TO MOVE FORWARD. HE REQUESTED THAT WE PRESENT OUR IDEAS IN A LETTER, AND PROMISED TO SEND US COPIES OF HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE ARGEMB/WASHINGTON AND TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ASAP AUTHORIZATION TO DECLASSIFY SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2-5 OF REFTEL FOR PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATE LETTER TO COMPTE.

8. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT PREFERS NOT RPT NOT MENTION AFTOSA COOPERATION IN COMMUNIQUE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT. NONETHELESS, SECRETARY MAY WISH MENTION POSSIBILITY OF SOME COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD IN HIS TALKS WITH GOA OFFICIALS (PARTICULARLY GOMEZ MORALES) AND PERHAPS WITH PRESS.  
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